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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JULY 1

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR JULY 1,
1977:

Q. CAN I ASK YOU WHETHER OR NOT THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE NEW YORK
TIMES THIS MORNING ON EGYPT'S APPROACH TO PEACE IS A CON-
TRIBUTION TOWARDS PROGRESS IN SETTLING THE MIDDLE EAST
DISPUTE?

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A. I HAVE NOT READ THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT.
BUT, AGAIN, WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF EVALUATING
STATEMENTS, COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, VIEWS ABOUT THE
PROBLEM, AS WE HAVE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THE REPORT THIS MORNING ABOUT
THE ORIGINS OF THE MONDAY STATEMENT THAT WAS READ HERE
THAT TRACES THIS DIRECTLY BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE? IS
THAT CORRECT OR NOT?

A. I THINK THE WHITE HOUSE DID ADDRESS THAT THIS MORNING
AND MADE SOME POINTS ABOUT IT, SOME OF WHICH I WOULD MAKE
HERE IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, IN A FINAL ATTEMPT TO
STRAIGHTEN OUT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE STATEMENT
ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WAS MADE HERE EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THE FINAL FORM OF THE STATEMENT WAS THE PRODUCT OF CONSUL-
TATIONS AMONG THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OTHER OFFICIALS OF
THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.
AS I THINK HODDING CARTER SAID YESTERDAY, AND PERHAPS
PREVIOUSLY, THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT WAS DRAFTED IN THE
STATE DEPARTMENT.

DR. BRZEZINSKI DID NOT INITIATE THE STATEMENT MADE LAST MONDAY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IT WAS NOT AT HIS INITIATION THAT THE WARNING AGAINST THE EXCLUSION OF THE WEST BANK AS A NEGOTIABLE SUBJECT WAS INCLUDED.

AS I SAID, JODY SPOKE TO THIS, IN SOME GREATER DETAIL THAN I'M DOING HERE, EARLIER TODAY, AND I'M REALLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID ON IT NOW.

Q. YOU SAID BRZEZINSKI DID NOT INITIATE IT AND IT WAS NOT HIS INITIATIVE. WHOSE INITIATIVE WAS IT?

A. WELL, AS I SAY, I'M NOT GOING TO GO BEYOND THIS, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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I THINK THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION YOU MIGHT FIND IN WHAT JODY SAID EARLIER TODAY.

Q. EVEN IF IT WAS NOT AT HIS INITIATIVE, HE APPROVE IT.

A. AS I SAY, I'M GOING TO STAND WITH WHAT WE SAID HERE AND NOT GOING TO INTERPRET IT FOR YOU OR GO BEYOND THIS.

Q. WHO DID INITIATE IT (THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT MONDAY)? YOU ARE DISPARAGING ONE OF OUR NETWORKS AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION. (LAUGHTER)

IF BRZEZINSKI DID NOT INITIATE IT AND MARVIN KALB IS HELD TO BE IN ERROR, WOULD YOU TELL US WHO DID?

A. I JUST SAID THAT I WAS NOT GOING TO GO BEYOND WHAT I SAID.

Q. LET ME ASK YOU FIRST ONE QUESTION ABOUT THE REPORT THAT OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, BRADSHER, HAD IN THE WASHINGTON STAR THIS AFTERNOON, ABOUT CHINA BEING AN

UNSPOKEN ALLY OF EGYPT -- BECAUSE IT IS GIVING EGYPT A SECOND SHIPMENT OF SPARE PARTS FOR SOVIET-MADE MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CHINA SUPPLYING EGYPT WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

A. THE QUESTION CAME UP EITHER YESTERDAY OR THE DAY BEFORE.

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Q. THAT WAS THE FIRST SHIPMENT. AND NOW WE HAVE A SECOND SHIPMENT.

A. WE DON'T HAVE ANY THOUGHTS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU ABOUT IT.

NOW IN THIS STATEMENT MADE BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, HE HAS THE UNITED STATES IN IT, IN A HALF DOZEN PARAGRAPHS, INCLUDING THE STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES, EVERY YEAR PRESENTS A RESOLUTION 194 AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH SIMPLY STIPULATES THE RETURN OF PALESTINIANS TO THEIR HOMES AND THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION. IS THAT TRUE?

A. IS WHAT TRUE?

Q. THE FACT THAT THE POINT THAT THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IS MAKING ABOUT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSING A RESOLUTION EVERY YEAR TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE PALESTINIANS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, OR THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION. IS THAT TRUE?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

Q. NOW LET ME ASK YOU THIS: YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT MARVIN KALB'S BROADCAST LAST NIGHT, AND GO AT LENGTH INTO IT. AND HERE IS A STATEMENT BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N., AND YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT. WHY IS THAT?

A. BECAUSE THEY FALL INTO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.

Q. WHAT IS THE REACTION TO THE NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN COMMENT IN THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY?

IN REGARD TO THE MISTREATMENT OF THE PRISONERS

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IN ISRAEL.

A. I MUST SAY, I AM NOT AWARE OF THE STORY YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT -- BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I CAN GIVE YOU ON IT.

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